

til I received your letter, that everybody was expecting and preparing for a new lease of the road. The only discussion I expected to hear was as to whom it shall be leased. That question I proposed to leave, as indicated in my letter to Galloway, with the directors and stockholders. If the people will but be patient three weeks longer, they will see how unfounded have been their fears and how unreasonable their suspicions. If I know myself, I am incapable of failing in my duty to the people. They have always confided in me and stood by me and they may rely upon me now and at all times to stand by them.

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Thomas J. Jarvis to S. M. Tate

Executive Department.
Raleigh, Nov 17th 1882

Yours of the 14th ⁸³ has been received and I heartily congratulate you upon your splendid victory.⁸⁴ Burke did nobly. I doubt if any other county in the State was the scene of such a fight. You have cause to be proud of Burke and of your victory.

I shall appoint the Directors [of the Western Insane Asylum] in a few days and will be certain to appoint Perkins,⁸⁵ and Davidson if I do not feel called upon to scatter the Board. As this Board elects officers it may be best not to put too many of them in one county. After the organization is made then it will be best to have them as near the Institution as possible.

⁸³Not found.

⁸⁴Tate had been re-elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives. Connor, *Manual*, 1913, 523.

⁸⁵Elisha A. Perkins, farmer of Morganton. Branson, *Directory for 1884*, 163.